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RE: File No: **S63.2R-10308-US**
Title: **Bifurcated Stent And Delivery System**
In Re: **Brucker et al**
Application No.: **10/083707** 37C Filing Date: **February 26, 2002**
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Dear Todd:

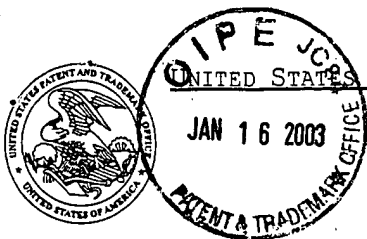
Enclosed for your information with regard to the above-identified file, please find a copy of the the PTO's Decision Granting Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) as well as a copy of a communication to inventor Enrique Malaret. No action is required by us at this time.

If you have any questions with respect to the enclosed material, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,


James M. Urzedowski

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LETTER

Dear Mr. Malaret:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

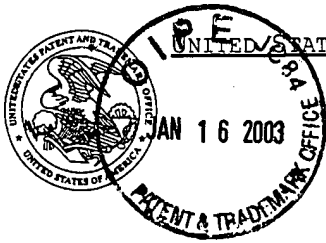
As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Christina Tartera Donnell at (703) 306-5589. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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DECISION GRANTING
PETITION UNDER
37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a),
filed December 26, 2002.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that Enrique Malaret, the non-signing inventor,
has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application
after having been presented with the application papers.
Specifically, the statement of facts of James M. Urzedowski
establishes that the inventor was mailed the application papers,
including the specification, claims and drawings, but failed to
respond to the request that he sign the declaration.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and
found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby
accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this
Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the
non-signing inventor at the address given in the present petition.
Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in
the Official Gazette.

The application file is being forwarded to Office of Initial Patent
Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the
undersigned at (703) 306-5589.

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